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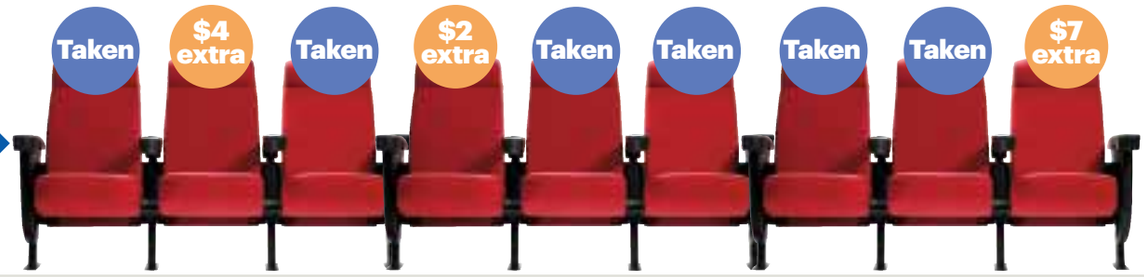

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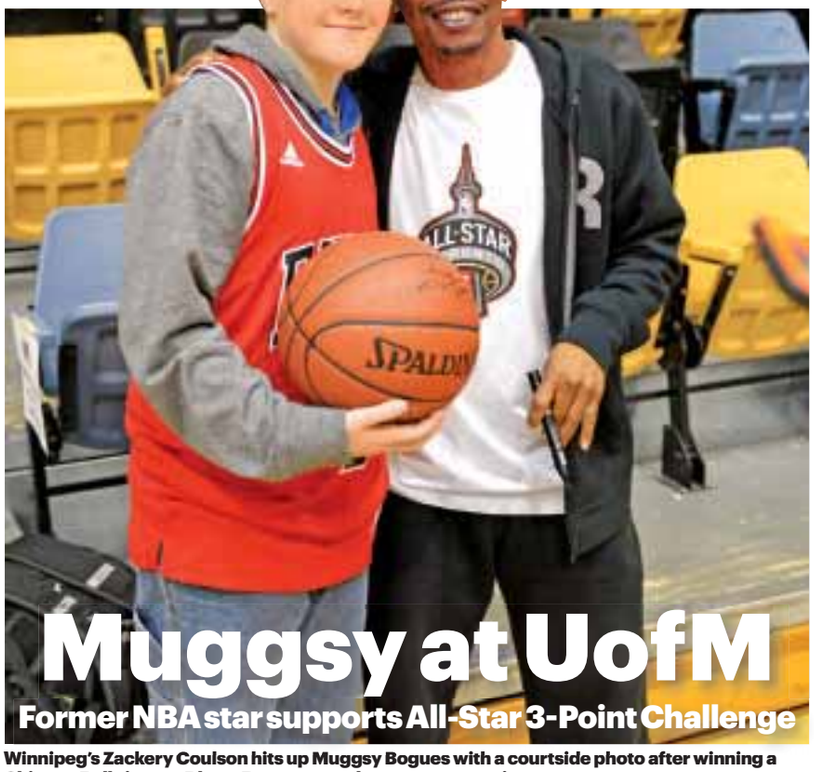

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Winnipeg's Zackery Coulson hits up Muggsy Bogues with a courtside photo after winning a Chicago Bulls jersey. Dhruv Barman was the tournament winner. RON CANTAVEROS/FOR METRO

Mayor commits to refugee intake

SETTLEMENT

Bowman wants Syrians to come to Winnipeg

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg will do what Winnipeg does best: welcome newcomers, said the mayor.

Mayor Brian Bowman said Sunday that he wants the majority of the 2,000 Syrian refugees headed to Manitoba to end up in Winnipeg.

"I see the benefits and many see the benefits of seeing an increased number of families living in Winnipeg ... I have indicated to the premier that we will do everything possible to have as many of those (families settled) here in Winnipeg."

Bowman held a press conference Sunday to affirm the city's commitment to taking care of those with nowhere else to go.

"As Winnipeg's mayor I want to be very clear that we will be welcoming Syrian refugees to Winnipeg.

"Now is not the time to close our doors. Now is the time to really allow hope and humanity to triumph over fear."

Bowman said he understands people are concerned about the screening process to make sure only refugees gain access.

"I think those are reasonable questions," said Bowman. "I think they should be asked. (But) we have accepted immigrants and refugees for years and years and the health and security screening has, and we expect will, continue even in this case.

"(Accepting refugees) is not going to stop, certainly not under my watch."

Bowman said he's not sure at this point where in Winnipeg refugees will be housed.

The federal government, under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, has promised to take in 25,000 Syrian refugees fleeing war and terror by the end of the year. It is expected 2,000 will be placed in Manitoba.

More details on where refugees will be housed are expected on Tuesday from the federal government. Many local non-profits have said they are at capacity.

LATE NEWS

CBC reported on Sunday night that only women, children and families would be included in Canada's 25,000 Syrian refugees. No unaccompanied men will be allowed, it said, due to security concerns.

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Migrants clash with police near Greece-Macedonia border. **World**

Deaf students drum up award-winning piece

MUSIC

Trio's song 'Renshu Taiko' honoured at Defty gala

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

You don't have to hear to be a drummer.

"Our students just won a fairly prestigious award," said Jim Coleman, the woodworking and drumming teacher at Manitoba School for the Deaf (MSD).

Students Sommer Halcrow and Jaden Mazur, and former student Donnelle Chartrand-Holmstrom were presented with a Defty award for their original piece of music, Renshu Taiko, Saturday night.

Coleman teaches both drum-making and playing at the school, and said some students are even sent to Japan to learn different drumming techniques.

Mazur was one of the students who made the overseas trip, despite being unsure about his interest in drumming when he started playing three years ago, he said through an interpreter.

Mazur said he didn't think he would enjoy playing an instrument as he can't hear music, but once he started learning, he discovered that he could feel the music through vibrations.

Sommer Halcrow, Jaden Mazur and Chartrand-Holmstrom perform the piece of music for which they won a Defty. **The awards were created in the 1980s to recognize and promote artists in the deaf community.** MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

"Ever since then, I just kind of fell in love with it," he said.

Chartrand-Holmstrom was on the same trip to Japan and also had a slow start with drumming.

"At first, I felt really awkward with it," said Chartrand-Holmstrom, who has now been drumming for five years.

There aren't opportunities in Winnipeg for deaf drummers outside of the school, said Principal Ricki Hall, so Chartrand-Holmstrom gets his fix at MSD despite having graduated.

These three students weren't the only ones from MSD who entered the competition, and another drumming group from the school also got an honourable mention at the ceremony, said Coleman. But they're not stopping to enjoy the victory.

All three students are working on their own drums, while Hall and Coleman are experimenting with ways to incorporate light into future performances.

Elsaida Alerta FACEBOOK

ENTERTAINMENT

Singer strikes karaoke gold

Someone give this woman a record deal.

Winnipegger Elsaida Alerta won the gold medal at the Karaoke World Championships in Singapore on Sunday, based on the strength of her final performance in the fourth round, where she covered off Beyonce's Listen.

Alerta was not immediately available for comment, but her boyfriend Peter Dueck posted the video of her final performance online before she was announced the winner.

"SHE DID IT!!! Elsaida Alerta is the 2015 WORLD CHAMPION of karaoke singing! Way to go, hon! I knew you could do it! You have worked very hard and put blood, sweat and tears into this," he posted online.

Alerta went to the championships with team members from across Canada. Michael Victorero of Burlington, Ont. came in third place. METRO

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Fresh bread in fashion

It wasn't so long ago that if you wanted local bread, you headed to Gunn's Bakery or the farmer's market ... and that was pretty much it. Not anymore.

Shel Zolkewich/for metro winnipeg

Bolstered by the uptick in gourmet sandwich shops and the success of places like Tall Grass Prairie, artisan bread shops in Winnipeg are on the rise.

Joanne Toupin and husband Beau Burton opened Sleepy Owl Bread just over a year ago in a market that didn't offer a lot of options when it came to handcrafted breads. But Winnipeg quickly fell in love with the cosy bakery on Wall Street — and didn't balk at loaves pushing $5.

"I think the biggest surprise has been the amount of growth we've experienced with almost no marketing. We knew Winnipeg was a great city for word-of-mouth referrals but we had no idea how great," said Toupin.

The bakery offers a selection of artisan breads made with grown-in-Manitoba grains. Preservatives, caramel colour, dough conditioners and artificial flavours will never be found in the Stir Stick rye, Bothwell cheddar Dijon, potato onion or cinnamon oatmeal raisin loaves at Sleepy Owl.

"I think the secret to our success is our commitment to staying small. Small batch, small menu, small staff. This way there are fewer hands in the dough which enables us to ensure that our standards are always met," Toupin said.

Suzanne Gessler's The Pennyloaf Bakery has been open for just a few weeks and is already a hit on Corydon Avenue.

"I seriously underestimated how many bakers I needed," said the former city planner and social worker. "For the first month we were open I worked 20-hour days. It was nuts. I have since hired two more bakers."

Like Sleepy Owl, The Pennyloaf is dedicated to bread without preservatives. The menu includes Country Sourdough, Whole Wheat Rye, Bird Seed Loaf, Porridge Bread and of course, the Pennyloaf, inspired by Irish soda bread.

What's the best-seller? "Plain sourdough and any of our breads with cheese. People love cheese," she said.

"I would also like to start introducing some more ancient grains like emmer, amaranth and einkorn. They are costly to ship to Winnipeg. We'll experiment with small batches and see if our customers go for it," she said.

Self-proclaimed "carbaholic" foodie and River Heights resident Heather McKay said she's not surprised more specialty bakeries in Winnipeg are opening.

"Really, nothing beats fresh-baked bread, and people are more health conscious now, they want to know where their food comes from and that it's healthier," she said, hefting a loaf outside of Tall Grass Prairie on Saturday.

"There are more places serving sandwiches, more that are doing gourmet, like King + Bannatyne, people want that kind of experience at home, too."

Clockwise from top:

1. **A loaf of Country Rye from Pennyloaf Bakery.**
2. **Beau Burton holds up two loaves of artisan bread in Sleepy Owl Bread.**
3. **A baker prepares cheddar and chive bread at Pennyloaf Bakery.**
4. **Finishing touches on finished loaves.**

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IN BRIEF

Government liquor stores best for pot sales: Premier

Government liquor stores are the best place to sell marijuana if and when the drug is legalized, according to Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger.

Selinger said Manitoba Liquor Mart outlets have staff that are well-trained on the risks of alcohol, and suggests they would be able to provide advice about marijuana.

He said there would be no requirement for workers to consume the drug, adding there would probably be private involvement too.

Liquor is sold in private outlets in some rural Manitoba areas where there is no government store. Selinger said he expects that model could be used for marijuana as well.

Selinger said details have yet to be finalized, as the federal government will determine how the drug will be available.

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Driver died after officer fired weapon: RCMP

A man is dead and a woman is in hospital after RCMP say an officer opened fire following a car chase.

Police said the officer tried to stop a vehicle driving erratically in Thompson on Nov. 21.

After a brief pursuit, the vehicle stopped, but accelerated as the officer approached, striking him. He then fired his weapon.

The male driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The female passenger was seriously injured.

The officer suffered minor injuries.

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba is looking into the incident.

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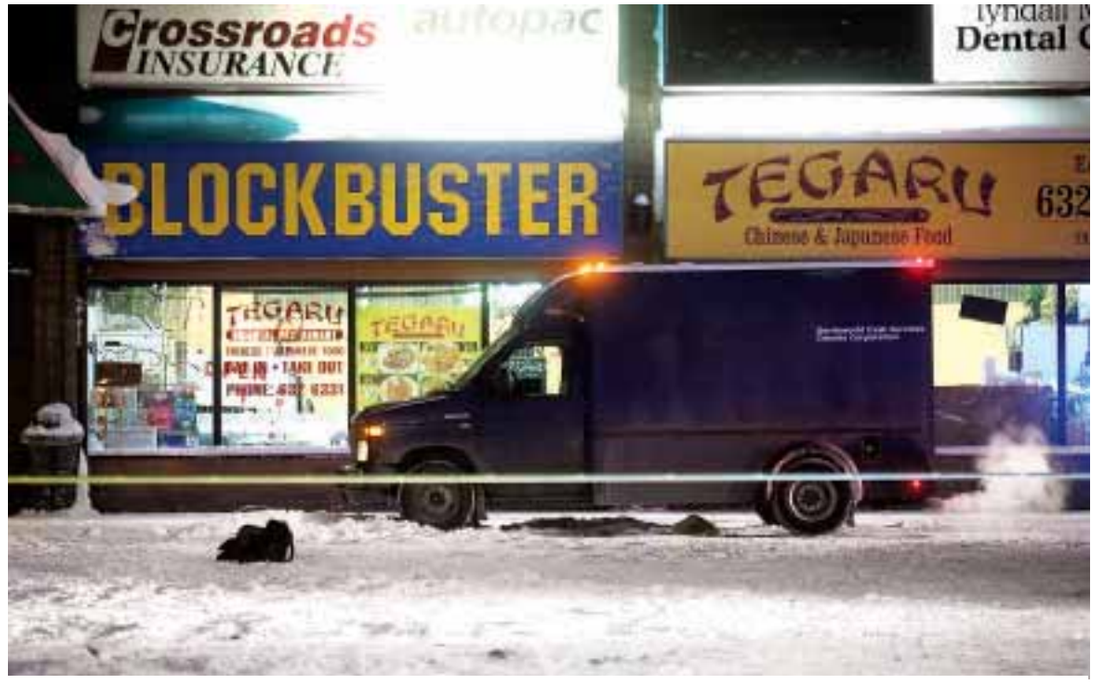

An armoured car sits in the parking lot after an attempted robbery on Friday. SHANNON VAN RAES/FOR METRO

Man attempts to rob truck with machete

CRIME

Assailant, security guard hospitalized for injuries

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

Two people were taken to hospital after an attempted armoured car robbery on Keewatin and Burrows Friday morning.

A source with knowledge of the investigation tells Metro a man armed with a machete tried to rob an armoured car at about 1 a.m. Friday. Two people were taken to hospital with injuries, including one guard and the would-be thief.

As police taped off the scene, two dark-coloured duffel bags could be seen in the parking lot.

Winnipeg police confirmed one of the guards fired his weapon and the suspect was shot and taken to hospital. They did not confirm the type of weapon the suspect used to try to rob the armoured car.

> **One of them was forced to discharge his firearm to protect himself.**
> Const. Eric Hofley

"Two fellows were doing their jobs as best they could when they were confronted by an armed individual. One of them was forced to discharge his firearm to protect himself," said Winnipeg police Const. Eric Hofley.

Police tape off the scene on Friday. VAN RAES/FOR METRO

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GENDER ISSUES

Teen calls dress code sexist

A 15-year-old Manitoba girl and her family have contacted the Manitoba Human Rights Commission to file a complaint over her school's dress code.

Kayla Touchette of Landmark, Man., says this week she wore a shirt with cutouts on the shoulders to high school.

She says the outfit was okayed by her mother but when she arrived at school, a teacher made her put on a sweater.

But Kayla says boys in the school wear basketball jerseys without problem and thinks the school's rule forbidding bare shoulders is being applied unfairly.

Randy Dueck, superintendent of the Hanover School Division, says each school sets its own dress code reflecting the local environment and are designed to create a safe space for students.

He says Landmark Collegiate applies their rules equally to boys and girls.

The school's student handbook lays out its dress code policy, which says "shirt sleeves must cover the shoulders," but the book only uses pictures of girls with bare shoulders.

Kayla says she was told when she first started at Landmark Collegiate that girls' shoulders are distracting.

Her grandmother, Eleanor Touchette, says Kayla never leaves the house inappropriately dressed and shouldn't be responsible for the way boys think.

Kayla also has her father's support.

"I believe that my daughter's rights were violated and that she should be able to wear which she feels comfortable in," says Travis Robinson.

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ALCOHOL

Local spirit named whisky of the year

A made-in-Manitoba spirit has been named World Whisky of the Year for 2016. Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye took top honours in the prestigious Whisky Bible, the quintessential guide to whisky around the world.

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AIR CANADA

Feds say no to tab of $100M

The federal government has rebuffed Air Canada's plea to be compensated for a portion of the more than $100 million the airline says it has spent over the last five years to accommodate gun-toting sky marshals on its flights.

Newly released documents show the government dismissed the airline's concerns about costs and other aspects of the program earlier this year on the grounds that changes would "compromise public safety."

Established after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, the Canadian Air Carrier Protective Program involves placement of covert sky marshals, known as in-flight security officers, on select commercial routes to prevent planes from being commandeered by terrorists.

Details of the program — including information about its scope and which flights have officers — are a closely guarded secret.

The Canadian Press used the Access to Information Act to obtain a censored version of a secret Public Safety Canada memo prepared earlier this year for Steven Blaney, minister at the time, and an accompanying letter from a senior departmental official to Derek Vanstone, an Air Canada vice-president.

Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick declined to comment on the documents. However, the airline did say in a written submission to the government in February that carriers provide seats to in-flight security officers at no charge. If an officer requests a specific seat it must be provided even if it has been sold to a passenger, says the submission to a review of the Canada Transportation Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman refuses to quit on dreams of 'gifted boy'

ASPIRING TEACHER

Visa denied to study English in Vancouver for one month

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

A Canadian woman refuses to give up on an aspiring English teacher from Africa who believes he can be the agent for change if given the opportunity to study in Vancouver.

But along the way, Heather Loa's attempts to bring Pa Jerreh Jaiteh to Canada have been beset by roadblocks.

Jaiteh, 27, is from a Sibanor Village in the west coast region of Gambia but works as a curriculum developer at a Hargeisa, Somaliland, language school.

He earns $500 a month and sends back his savings to support his parents, four brothers and two sisters back home.

He yearns to return to Gambia, where he envisions teaching English to children and helping lift the prospects for young Gambians in rural communities.

"It is hard for us to discover our talent in Africa," explains Jaiteh during an interview over Skype. "When I started teaching, I discovered that talent and decided 'this is good.' This could be my career."

It was through teaching at Islamic Online University's Hargeisa campus that Jaiteh met Loa, a retired teacher invited there to help guide the school's curriculum.

After working beside him for several months, Loa — who has extensive history sponsoring international students since 1995 — decided the best way to help Jaiteh fulfill his aspirations was to enroll him in a month-long, intensive language program among native English speakers in Vancouver.

Both believe attending school in an English-speaking country would improve his knowledge of the language and look good on his resumé, allowing him to earn more money in Africa.

"I always dream I will be a source of change if I get an opportunity to better myself," Jaiteh said.

Knowing he wouldn't afford such a trip on his own, Loa offered to cover Jaiteh's expenses and sponsor him in Canada.

"If I can bring him here for one month, it would give him a career in the Gambia and it would change his life," Loa believes. "I've had students from Brazil, Mexico, Vietnam, Sudan, Belize. All have come with the same purpose and I felt strongly that PJ should have that opportunity. He's a gifted boy."

As she had numerous times before, Loa helped Jaiteh apply for a temporary resident visa on April 22.

She was astonished his visa was denied April 27, just two business days later.

"You have not satisfied me that you would leave Canada at the end of your stay as a temporary resident," reads the form letter from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, expressing concerns over his ability to finance such a trip.

Undeterred, Loa and Jaiteh tried again, this time diligently addressing CIC's stated concerns point by point.

Pa Jerreh Jaiteh, a Gambian currently teaching English in Somaliland, is trying to attend courses at a Vancouver language school with the help of retired Vancouver teacher Heather Loa. below. PHOTOS: MUSTAFA SAEED/FOR METRO: MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

To show that Jaiteh would return home, Loa booked Jaiteh's return flight and had his family sign testimonials proving his family ties to Gambia.

Having been previously approved to attend Vancouver English Centre, a private language school, Loa placed Jaiteh in a specific course and paid his tuition fees to underscore his intent to study in Canada

All receipts were submitted with the application to prove Jaiteh had sufficient funds for his stay.

"We threw everything but the kitchen sink in the second application," said Loa.

Jaiteh was denied again June 4.

Despite the extensive documentation, CIC's reasons for denial remained unchanged.

Unfortunately for the young Gambian teacher, making subsequent applications without legal representation or grounds for judicial review is often a fruitless endeavour.

"It's problematic because the first thing they'll do is pull up the first application," said Laura Best, a Vancouver immigration lawyer. "They're not bound by the original decision, but will use it for their reasons for refusal."

Loa believes Jaiteh's difficulty getting into Canada is because he's from a poor country.

In her experience, Best said the system disproportionally favours applicants from wealthy countries.

In a statement provided to Metro, CIC said all applicants are judged equal.

The setbacks have already cost pensioner Loa thousands

of dollars but she's not ready to give up.

"This is Canada. We should be welcoming and accepting of people who want to learn here," she said. "I really feel that. I can't just say, 'Too bad. You can't come.' PJ is a brilliant teacher."

Loa is now considering filing a new visa application for Jaiteh or, if necessary, for a six-month study permit.

HALIFAX

Airport deals with bomb threats

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Halifax's airport garnered international attention this past week as three flights were either diverted or delayed due to bomb threats.

On Sunday, RCMP in Halifax responded to two separate security threats that came in less than 12 hours apart at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

"Anytime a flight is diverted to Halifax international airport or is delayed due to a threat, it's obviously very concerning," RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb said Sunday.

One was a Turkish Airlines A330 passenger jet travelling from New York to Istanbul, Turkey carrying 256 passengers and crew.

Once a bomb threat was received, police said the aircraft was rerouted to Halifax and landed at 12:53 a.m.

After searching the aircraft, RCMP found no explosives and turned it back over to Turkish Airlines around 4:30 a.m.

Around three hours later, police said, they received a second call about a bomb threat; this time it was made against WestJet flight 229, bound for Calgary.

Again RCMP officers, along with bomb-sniffing dogs and members of the explosives disposal unit searched the aircraft, luggage and cargo, after 96 passengers and six crew members were evacuated.

The search concluded around 9 a.m., with no explosive found and the aircraft released back to WestJet.

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STUDY

Known killers get lighter sentences

Men who kill their female partners are more likely to be criminally convicted than men accused of killing strangers — but they also tend to get lighter sentences, a Canadian study concludes.

The research, being published in the journal Current Sociology, finds that men who kill their wives, girlfriends or other female family members are handed shorter prison terms than men who kill strangers.

In fact, according to the findings, men who kill women they know are treated more leniently at most stages of the criminal-justice process, such as facing fewer charges of first-degree murder.

> **Some exploratory research has shown that premeditation or intent is actually more likely in cases involving men who kill female partners.**
> Myrna Dawson

Study author Myrna Dawson, an associate sociology professor at the University of Guelph, calls it the "intimacy discount."

"This may mean that women killed by male partners are still seen as property and, as such, these femicides are not treated as seriously as other femicides," the study states.

Another factor at play could be that femicide of a partner or family member is typically seen as a spontaneous "crime of passion" or the result of victim provocation.

"Despite the dominance of these beliefs, there has been little examination of the validity of resulting stereotypes," Dawson said.

Perhaps counterintuitively, given the lighter sentences, the study found that men who kill intimate partners are convicted at rates three times higher than men who kill female strangers.

Crimes involving relatives tend to be easier both to solve and prosecute, research suggests. The shorter sentences could therefore be due to charges that are more often reduced in exchange for guilty pleas.

"Understanding whether the plea process or common stereotypes associated with intimacy and violence explain this relationship (between convictions and sentencing) is a crucial next step and one that I am currently examining," Dawson said.

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CONFERENCE

One Young World torch passed to Ottawa

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa
IN BANGKOK

It was a humid November night in Bangkok, yet all eyes were on Ottawa at the One Young World Summit.

Wearing Canadian flag bandanas and red sneakers, Ottawa Tourism representatives and Canadian youth pumped up a raucous crowd of 1,300 people from around the world.

It was the closing ceremonies of the conference for youth leaders aged 18 to 30 that has attracted speakers like Jamie Oliver and Bill Clinton in the past. Ottawa is hosting the event next year at the Shaw Centre.

"Ottawa is proud to be the first Canadian city to host One Young World," Mayor Jim Watson told the crowd, after Bangkok Gov. Sukhumbhand Paribatra officially handed over the baton.

Thailand's capital was plastered with promotional light blue One Young World posters this week. Ottawa can expect similar pageantry and an influx of 1,300 youth in the city next year.

It seems like many delegates are keen to head to the chillier capital for next year's event Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. At a panel for urban innovation on Friday, the crowd cheered when the mayor asked if they would come to Ottawa.

"If I get the chance, I would like to," 28-year-old Salisson Sani Isaak, a delegate from Niger, told Metro on Friday. He came for simple reasons: inspiration and to return home with the skills gleaned from the group sessions. Other delegates applied to network with youth or pitch a business idea to a potential sponsor.

The closing ceremonies marked the mayor's last event on a weeklong Asia trip that included an economic mission to Beijing. He's scheduled to land in Ottawa on Monday, in time for Wednesday's council meeting.

From left, Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna, Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Prince Edward Island Premier Wade MacLauchlan, British Columbia Premier Christy Clark, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis, Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, New Brunswick Premier Brian Gallant, Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Northwest Territories Premier Bob McLeod pose for a group photo on Signal Hill overlooking the harbour at the summer meeting of Canada's premiers in St. John's in July. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Premiers meet to talk climate change

FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT

Meeting held ahead of Paris conference

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the premiers sit down in Ottawa on Monday to discuss climate change, it will be the first full-blown meeting of Canada's first ministers since 2009.

But while the premiers of the two largest provinces said they welcome federal re-engagement, they also warned the new government not to disregard the provinces' progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"There's always a tendency for governments that come into office to tend to think that nothing meaningful happened before they came into office," Quebec premier Philippe Couillard told a panel discussion at the Canada 2020 policy conference in Ottawa.

"We are very happy that we're going to be working with the federal government, but let's resist the temptation of starting from scratch."

Quebec has established a cap-and-trade system with California in order to reduce emissions, and has its own green fund. Ontario is working to join the cap-and-trade system, and scrapped coal-fired power plants.

Couillard's co-panellist, Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne, called Monday's meeting "very important" but also made the point that some provinces have established initiatives that shouldn't be disregarded.

> **We need to come to grips with the challenge we're facing — and we need to act.** Catherine McKenna

"We're not looking to the federal government for some kind of unilateral imposition of a particular standardized regime across the country. What we're looking for is support for the initiatives we're taking."

Couillard also said Canada needs a "rebranding" in Paris.

"Yes, we are a major oil-producing country, but we are also one of the most important producers of renewable energy in the world. This has to be part of the story," he said. "Let's start thinking of ourselves as a competitor to Norway, rather than Saudi Arabia."

Couillard and Wynne's comments were preceded by a speech from Environment Minister Catherine McKenna saying Canada can be a leader on the world stage carbon reduction and clean energy, but that it wouldn't be easy.

"Here's the thing about evidence-based policy making — sometimes it's going to lead us to a difficult place and to difficult choices," she said. "But that's where we are today."

OILSANDS

Alberta to implement carbon tax policy

Alberta took what it hopes will be the first step toward shedding its status as international environmental pariah Sunday by revealing a sweeping climate change plan.

The plan, the result of months of study and public input, will introduce a broad-based carbon tax that would apply across the economy. The government will move to phase out the province's coal-fired power generation by 2030.

And it will introduce a hard cap on greenhouse gas emissions for the oilsands.

"This is the day we step up, at long last, to one of the world's biggest problems — the pollution that is causing climate change," Premier Rachel Notley said as she announced her government's new policy in Edmonton on Sunday.

"I'm hopeful these policies will lead to a new collaborative conversation about Canada's energy infrastructure on its merits and to a significant de-escalation of conflict worldwide about the Alberta oilsands." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley
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PARIS ATTACKS

Details on suspects revealed

French police and prosecutors, friends and families, and journalists have unveiled details about those accused of carrying out the attacks in Paris. Altogether, authorities say that three teams participated in the bloody assault. At least one suspected participant remains at large. Here's what's known about some of the suspects:

1 Abdelhamid Abaaoud

French investigators identified Belgian-born Abaaoud as the architect of the Paris attacks. A U.S. official said Abaaoud was a key figure in an Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) external operations cell that U.S. intelligence agencies have been tracking for months.

How and when Abaaoud entered France before his death remains unclear. He had bragged in ISIL's English-language magazine that he was able to slip in and out of Europe undetected.

2 Salah Abdeslam

Salah Abdeslam is sought as a suspected accomplice in the attacks and is described by French police as highly dangerous. He is the suspected driver of a group of gunmen during the attacks. Authorities identified him as the renter of a Volkswagen Polo that carried hostage-takers to the Paris theatre.

Officials said Abdeslam entered Austria from Germany on Nov. 9 with two unidentified companions. They said they were planning a vacation in Vienna.

3 Ahmad Al-Mohammad

That's the name written on a Syrian passport found near one of the suicide bombers. The document describes Al-Mohammad as a 25-year-old from the rebel-held Syrian city Idlib. French officials said in a statement that the bomber's fingerprints match a set taken in Greece in October.

A Greek official says the person holding Al-Mohammad's passport went through administrative processing on the Greek island of Leros after setting out from Turkey. He later entered Serbia, where authorities took fingerprints that match those given in Greece, and he then crossed into Croatia the next day.

4 Hasna Aitboulahcen

Authorities are investigating whether the 26-year-old female had a role in the Paris attacks. Authorities say Aitboulahcen died in the police raid on the apartment where Abaaoud was holed up. On Friday, prosecutors said she didn't kill herself by detonating a suicide vest as previously thought.

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"The terror threat is wider than just that person.
Interior Minister Jan Jambon on Salah Abdeslam and additional suspects believed to be in the Brussels area

Soldiers stand guard in front of the central train station on Sunday in Brussels, as the Belgian capital remained on top alert over fears of a Paris-style attack. EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Canadian embassy in Belgium closes

Paris

Police detain 16 people in 22 raids; one man still at large

Canada has closed its embassy in Brussels until further notice as the Belgian capital remains on high alert for a possible terror attack.

The embassy will provide emergency counsular services only, according to an update on the federal government's travel advisory website.

Belgian prosecutors announced early Monday that police had detained 16 people in 22 raids but that Paris fugitive Salah Abdeslam was not among them.

Federal prosecutor Eric Van Der Sypt said that "no firearms or explosives were discovered," in the raids — 19 in Brussels and three in Charleroi in the country's south. One of those detained was injured when a car he was in tried to ram police during an attempted getaway.

"The investigation continues," Van Der Sypt said.

The raids capped a tense day with hundreds of troops patrolling and authorities hunting for one or more suspected militants, the Belgian government chose Sunday to keep the capital on the highest state of alert into the start of the workweek to prevent a Paris-style attack.

Citing a "serious and imminent" threat, Prime Minister Charles Michel announced that schools and universities in Brussels will be closed Monday, with the subway remaining shut down, preventing a return to normal in the city that is also home to the European Union's main institutions.

"We fear an attack like in Paris, with several individuals, perhaps in several places," Michel said after chairing a meeting of Belgium's National Security Council.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

When Belgian authorities asked people to stop commenting on ongoing police operations in social media to avoid tipping off suspects during Sunday's raids, people unexpectedly responded by tweeting cat pictures. The hashtag #BrusselsLockdown suddenly shifted from serious to humorous tweets, with a flood of pictures of cats holding their paws up as captured suspects and ignoring police warnings to stay away from windows.

RUSSIA

Air raids advance Syrian troops

Syrian President Bashar Assad says his forces are advancing on "almost" all fronts thanks to Russian airstrikes that began nearly two months ago and have tipped the balance in his favour in some parts of the country.

In remarks published Sunday, Assad told China's Phoenix Television that the Russians depend on Syrian ground forces and "cooperate with us." He added that Syrian troops had achieved victories in some areas before the strikes began but "could not be present everywhere in Syria."

Russia, which has conducted an air campaign in Syria since Sept. 30, sharply raised its intensity in recent days on President Vladimir Putin's orders after Moscow said it had confirmed that a bomb brought down a Russian plane over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board.

"Following the participation of Russian air force in fighting terrorism, the situation improved well. I can say that the army now is advancing almost on every front," Assad said in the interview. Assad said the Russian airstrikes are more effective than those of the U.S.-led coalition because Moscow is co-ordinating with his government, saying "you cannot fight terrorism with airstrikes alone." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian President Bashar Assad
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UNITED STATES

'Do not succumb to fear,' Obama warns

Trying to reassure a nation on edge, U.S. President Barack Obama said Sunday the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) "cannot strike a mortal blow" against the U.S. and warned that overreacting to the Paris attacks would play into extremists' hands. "We will destroy this terrorist organization," he vowed.

Ending a trip to Asia, Obama implored Americans not to let the spectre of terror cause them to compromise their values or change the way they live.

"We do not succumb to fear," he said. "The most powerful tool we have to fight ISIL is to say that we're not afraid, to not elevate them, to somehow buy into their fantasy that they're doing something important," Obama said.

"I think it is absolutely vital for every country, every leader, to send a signal that the viciousness of a handful of killers does not stop the world from doing vital business," Obama said.

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BANGLADESH

Opposition leaders killed for war crimes

Bangladesh executed two opposition leaders Sunday for war crimes during the country's 1971 independence war, despite concerns the case against them was flawed and threats of violence by their supporters. A reporter was shot and wounded after covering the funeral of one of the men, though it was not clear who was responsible.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid, secretary general of the main Islamist party Jamaat-e-Islami, were hanged in the nation's capital, said Senior Jail Superintendent Mohammad Jahangir Kabir.

Chowdhury had been convicted on charges of torture, rape and genocide during Bangladesh's independence war against Pakistan, and Mujahid had been found guilty on charges of genocide, conspiracy in killing intellectuals, torture and abduction. Bangladesh was bracing for upheaval ahead of the hangings, with supporters of the two opposition leaders threatening violence if they were executed.

Rajib Sen, a reporter for the Mohona TV station, was on his way back from Chowdhury's funeral in Chittagong district when his car was sprayed with bullets, the station said. Three other journalists in the car escaped unhurt, and Sen was rushed to a hospital in Chittagong. The TV station is owned by a member of the ruling Awami League party.

U.S. lawmakers overseeing foreign policy described the war crimes tribunal, set up in 2013, as "very flawed" and a means of political retribution.

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BURUNDI

At least four dead after violent night

At least four people were killed in overnight violence in the Burundi capital, the police said Sunday as sporadic gunfire and loud explosions continued to echo across the city.

A local human rights activist, however, said up to seven dead bodies had been discovered and blamed the police for the killings.

Bujumbura has been wracked by violence since April when the president announced he would seek a third term. Opponents and supporters of the president appear to be targeting each other in revenge attacks.

Anschaire Nikoyagize, the president of the Burundian League for Human Rights, said seven were killed in confrontations with the police, with some tortured and beheaded.

> **Those ... killed were thought to be connected to people opposing (the president's) third term**
> Anschaire Nikoyagize

"Relatives of the victims told us those who were killed were thought to be connected to people opposing (the president's) third term," Nikoyagize said.

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IN BRIEF

White rhino's death leaves three left in the world

A popular white rhinoceros has been euthanized at San Diego Zoo Safari Park after a series of illnesses.

The Los Angeles Times reports that, at 41, Nola was considered geriatric and had a series of old-age ailments, including arthritis.

Zoo officials say Nola was euthanized early Sunday. The rhino had been a draw at the Safari Park since 1986. The newspaper says Nola's death leaves three northern white rhinos in the world – all at a sanctuary in Kenya.

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Preemie born on cruise ship now safely home

A preemie who spent two months in a Miami hospital after his birth on a cruise ship is home in Utah.

Baby Haiden arrived home Saturday in Ogden just before 8 p.m. after a flight that included medical equipment to ensure safe transport.

He was greeted by his parents, Emily and Chase Morgan, and a crowd of well-wishers. Haiden will be hospitalized in Ogden for the next several weeks. The family hopes he will be at home in time for Christmas.

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Mine workers carrying belongings Saturday after their homes were destroyed by a landslide in Phakant jade mine in Myanmar.

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Deadly landslide leaves many missing

MYANMAR

Collapse near jade mine the latest in string

A landslide near a jade mine in northern Myanmar killed about 100 people, most of them villagers digging for green stones in a mountain of displaced earth, a witness and a community leader said Sunday. Many other people were missing.

The collapse occurred Saturday evening in the Kachin state community of Hpakant, said Brang Seng, a jade businessman, who watched as bodies were pulled from the debris and taken to a hospital morgue.

"People were crying," he said, adding that some lost loved ones when boulders and earth ripped down the slopes. "In some cases, entire families were lost."

Lamai Gum Ja, a community leader, said homes at the base of the mine dump had been flattened. An estimated 100 to 200 people were still missing, he said. Search and rescue teams wearing bright orange uniforms combed through the rubble Sunday for survivors.

Kachin, around 950 kilometres (600 miles) northeast of Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city, is home to some of the world's highest-quality jade.

The industry generated an estimated $31 billion last year alone, with most of the wealth going to individuals and companies tied to Myanmar's former military rulers, according to Global Witness, a group that investigates misuse of resource revenues.

> **In some cases, entire families were lost.**
> Brang Seng, a jade businessman

The jade industry's epicentre, Hpakant, remains desperately poor, with bumpy dirt roads, constant electricity blackouts and sky-high heroin addiction rates.

After Myanmar's former military rulers handed over power to a civilian government five years ago, resulting in the lifting of many Western sanctions, the already rapid pace of mining turned frenetic. No scrap of ground is left untouched by the fleets of giant yellow trucks and backhoes that have sliced apart mountains and denuded landscape.

In the last year, dozens of small-scale miners have been maimed or lost their lives picking through tailing dumps.

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EGYPT

Low election turnout reflects fears

Egyptians trickled into mostly empty polling centres as they voted Sunday in the second stage of parliamentary elections that will produce the country's first legislature since a chamber dominated by Islamists was dissolved by a court ruling in 2012.

Tens of thousands of troops and policemen were deployed to safeguard the two-day vote, reflecting growing security concerns less than a month after a Russian airliner crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board. Russia has said the crash was caused by an onboard bomb, and a local Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) affiliate claimed the Oct. 31 attack.

The new, 596-seat legislature is due to hold its inaugural session next month after a runoff is held in early December. Egyptians voted last month in 14 provinces, the vote's first phase, with a turnout of nearly 27 per cent. The latest phase is being held in the other 14 provinces and the capital, Cairo.

That was the lowest turnout in any vote, except one for a toothless upper chamber in 2012, since the ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak in a 2011 popular uprising.

Turnout in the second phase is not likely to be much higher given the widespread apathy over the political process under President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

It is unlikely that the overall turnout in the election will exceed 30 per cent. There has been no official word on granting workers time off Monday.

With street politics eradicated and severe restrictions placed on the public sphere, political apathy has become widespread.

The next legislature is expected to be compliant, or at least dominated by lawmakers who support el-Sissi. Since taking office 17 months ago, the retired general has run the country with few checks or balances, issuing about 300 laws, including key legislation on the exercise of political rights and an anti-terrorism law that has placed restrictions on the media.

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MALI

Hotel attack delays peace negotiations

The assault on a luxury hotel in Mali's capital that killed 19 people was a clear attempt to derail a fragile peace process meant to stabilize the country's volatile north, a representative of northern separatist groups said Sunday.

Halting peace negotiations have been dragging on between the central government and northern separatist groups for more than two years in an effort to end the disputes that turned large sections of the country into a haven for radical Islamic militants.

The talks have shown some promise in recent months.

The Radisson Blu hotel attacked by two gunmen on Friday was preparing to host a meeting on implementing the latest accords.

"The attack was targeting the peace agreement," said Sidi Brahim Ould Sidati, a representative of the Coordination of Azawad Movements, known by its French acronym CMA.

The CMA is a coalition of groups seeking autonomy in northern Mali and includes ethnic Arabs and Tuaregs.

"The jihadis are in different groups but their goal is the same, and that's to hinder implementation of the peace accord," Sidati said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADIANS

Vancouver executives trapped in rooms

Two Vancouver businessmen hid silently in their rooms for seven hours as gunmen stormed their hotel in Mali, sending text messages describing the sounds of gunfire and grenades to horrified colleagues in Canada.

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A police officer stands guard outside the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako on Nov. 22. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Woman stabbed near Jerusalem

A young Israeli woman was stabbed to death by a Palestinian who was among three assailants to be shot dead following separate attacks Sunday, Israeli security forces said, with the latest flare-up of violence coming ahead of a visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

The 21-year-old Israeli woman was seriously wounded when a Palestinian attacked her with a knife in the West Bank Sunday afternoon before being shot and killed by soldiers nearby, the military said.

Dr. Ofer Merin of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem said "the young woman was stabbed numerous times in the head, chest and the area of the heart." He said despite attempts by medics to save her, she succumbed to her wounds.

The attack occurred at the Gush Etzion junction near Jerusalem, the scene of multiple Palestinian attacks against civilians and security forces over the past two months.

In an earlier attack, the military said a woman pulled out a knife at the entrance to a military base and began approaching civilians.

A local West Bank settler leader, Gershon Mesika, said he veered off the road and struck the woman with his vehicle. A soldier then fired at her and killed her. The army did not say how close the woman had been to carrying out an attack.

Her father, Taha Qatanani, said his 16-year-old daughter went to school as usual in the morning and that he heard about her death two hours later.

"She talked about stabbing to her brother the day before but no one took her seriously. If she tried to stab she did what she wanted," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refugees wait to be allowed by the Macedonian police to cross the borderline to Macedonia, near the Greek village of Idomeni, Sunday. GIANNIS PAPANIKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tensions rise at Macedonia border

BORDER PROTESTS

Some countries say only 'war-zone refugees' will be allowed

Migrants barred from crossing the Greece-Macedonia border held a fourth day of protests Sunday, as Macedonia's president criticized the European Union over the refugee crisis for a lack of financial support and data sharing.

The influx of migrants into Macedonia has heightened tensions in the country, President Gjorgje Ivanov said.

"The risk of possible conflict between refugees and migrants, the migrants and police and army, and between migrants and local people is rated as high," Ivanov told reporters Sunday after meeting with visiting European Council president Donald Tusk in Macedonia's capital, Skopje.

Several European countries, including EU members Slovenia and Croatia and non-members Serbia and Macedonia, have declared they will only allow "war-zone refugees" from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to transit through their countries on their way to central and northern Europe.

1,300

The number of migrants bring barred from entering Macedonia Sunday.

This policy has left many others stranded in the Greek border town for four days, demanding to be let in and chanting slogans such as "Freedom!" and "We are not terrorists."

On Sunday, an Iranian man threatened to cut his wrists with a razor if not allowed into Macedonia. Police intervened to disarm him, but, in the scuffle, he cut his face. The number of migrants being barred from entering Macedonia has fallen significantly Sunday, from more than 2,000 to around 1,300 in the early evening.

Many of them took buses and taxis to Athens and Thessaloniki. Greek police believe they may be trying to find other routes, including with the help of smugglers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Russian agency kills 11 militants allied with ISIL

Russian law-enforcement officers on Sunday raided a hideout in the North Caucasus of armed militants allied with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), killing all 11 of them in an exchange of fire, the counter-terrorism agency said.

It said the militants were killed after they opened fire on the officers and used grenades.

There were no fatalities among the officers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ZIMBABWE

Decision sparks an Ugly uproar

Pageant judges have crowned a new winner of Zimbabwe's 4th annual "Mister Ugly" contest, upsetting supporters of the crowd favourite and prompting rioting at the event.

Judges on Saturday chose 42-year-old Mison Sere, citing his numerous missing front teeth and a wide range of grotesque facial expressions, over William Masvinu, who had held the title since 2012.

Masvinu and his supporters mobbed the judges upon hearing their decision, claiming that Sere was "too handsome" to win and his ugliness wasn't natural since it was based on missing teeth.

"I am naturally ugly. He is not. He is ugly only when he opens his mouth," maintained Masvinu, gesturing at his rival.

"Do we have to lose our teeth to win? This is cheating," shouted another contestant, Patrick Mupereki. While no one was injured, there was a great deal of pushing and shoving as the results were announced and insults were hurled at the judges.

Sere dismissed the critics as just "sore losers" as he pocketed the $500 in winnings.

"They should just accept that I am uglier than them," he said. "I hope to get a TV contract. I already moved around schools performing and showcasing my ugliness so this is a chance to make it on TV."

The complaints of Masvinu and the other contestants may have a degree of validity. Organizers had previously announced that disabilities or enhancements would not be accepted in the competition which should focus on "natural ugliness."

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William Masvinu, **three-time Mister Ugly winner**, lost this year's contest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Macri pulls off political upset, wins presidency

ARGENTINA

Kirchnerism at its end; chosen successor Scioli ousted in vote

Opposition candidate Mauricio Macri won Argentina's presidential election on Sunday, marking an end to the left-leaning and often combative era of President Cristina Fernandez, who along with her late husband dominated the country's political scene for 12 years and rewrote its social contract.

Ruling party candidate Daniel Scioli, Fernandez's chosen successor, conceded late Sunday and said he had called Macri to congratulate him on a victory that promises to chart Argentina on a more free market, less state interventionist course.

"Today is a historic day," said Macri, addressing thousands of cheering supporters as horns were heard blaring across Buenos Aires. "It's the change of an era."

With 75 per cent of the vote counted, Macri had 53 per cent support compared to 47 per cent for Scioli.

The victory by the business-friendly Macri comes after he did better than expected in the first round on Oct. 25, forcing a runoff with Scioli, the governor of the vast Buenos Aires province.

> **Argentines are tired of this government ... We are ready for something new.**
> Julia Juarez, 66, a retired teacher who watched election returns in president-elect Macri's bunker

Macri campaigned on promises to reform and rehabilitate the South American country's sagging economy.

"I'm so happy," said Julia Juarez, a 66-year-old retired teacher who watched the returns at Macri's bunker. "Argentines are tired of this government ... We are ready for something new."

Scioli, who had been expected to win by 10 or more points in last month's six-candidate first round of voting, tried to recover before Sunday's runoff by frequently attacking Macri. He said a Macri win would subject Argentines to the market-driven policies of the 1990s, a period of deregulation some believe set the stage for the financial meltdown of 2001-2002.

Macri's win signals a clear end to the era of Fernandez, who along with her late husband and predecessor, Nestor Kirchner, rewrote the country's social contract, gaining both rabid followers and fierce critics along the way. People often refer to their combined years in power as the "Kirchner era."

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For more on the election in Argentina, visit metronews.ca

LIGHTS OUT IN CRIMEA A CANDLELIT MEAL A man eats by candlelight in a cafe after a power failure, in Simferopol, Crimea, Sunday. Russia's Energy Ministry says nearly 2 million people on the Crimean Peninsula are without electricity after two transmission towers in Ukraine were damaged by explosions.
ALEXANDER POLEGENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAN

Washington Post journalist's trial 'a sham': Editor

Iran has sentenced Washington Post journalist Jason Rezaian to an unspecified prison term after his conviction last month on charges that include espionage, Iranian state TV reported Sunday.

Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejehi, the spokesman for Iran's judiciary, announced the punishment in a statement on the TV station's website.

"It is a prison sentence," he said, but the verdict is "not finalized," referring to an expected appeal.

Ejehi was responding to a question from a local reporter at a weekly news conference. He said the verdict has not been officially communicated to Rezaian or his lawyer.

Rezaian's lawyer, Leila Ahsan, said she had not been informed of the verdict, let alone details of the sentence.

"I have no information about details of the verdict," she said. "We were expecting the verdict some three months ago."

Rezaian was detained with his wife, Yeganeh Salehi, and two photojournalists on July 22, 2014. All were later released except Rezaian, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen.

Rezaian went on trial in four closed-door hearings at Tehran's Revolutionary Court, which hears cases related to national security. Last month, he was convicted of spying and other charges.

The Post has vigorously denied the accusations against its correspondent, calling his prison term an "injustice" and the trial and sentence "a sham."

"We're aware of the reports in the Iranian media, but have no further information at this time," Washington Post foreign editor Douglas Jehl said in a statement.

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Jason Rezaian, an Iranian-American correspondent, has been sentenced to prison in Iran. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

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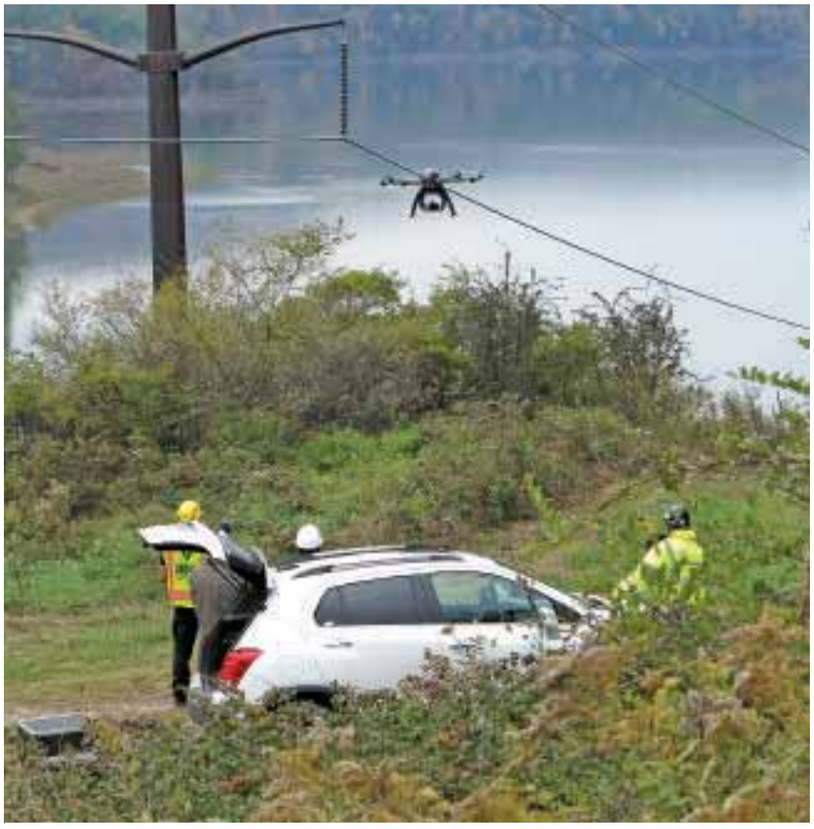

BizUAS Corp. personnel demonstrate a **Cyberhawk octocopter drone for power-line inspections** at a hydroelectric generating site near Blenheim, N.Y., in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.S. utilities see drones' potential

TECHNOLOGY

Devices may be used to inspect towers, power lines

U.S. utilities see great potential in the use of remote-controlled drones to do the often-dangerous work of inspecting power lines and transmission towers, but strict regulations have so far slowed adoption of the technology.

The remote-controlled devices make the work of linemen safer, more efficient and less expensive, according to the Electric Power Research Institute, which last month put on a three-day workshop to help nearly a dozen utilities choose the best machines for the job. Miniature helicopter-like drones, some equipped with cameras and other sensors, demonstrated inspections of transmission lines at a hydroelectric plant in the Catskill Mountains in New York.

"We want to start using drones next spring when the inspection season begins," said Alan Ettlinger, research and technology director for the New York Power Authority, who attended the workshop.

Utilities spend millions of dollars inspecting power lines, which are often in hard-to-reach places. The industry has been interested in the potential use of drones for years but has been slower than European companies to adopt the technology because of U.S. regulatory restrictions.

While hobbyists can fly drones without certification, the Federal Aviation Administration requires special certification for commercial users. There are numerous conditions and limitations: the drone operator needs a pilot's licence, the aircraft must weigh less than 55 pounds, flights can go no more than 200 feet above the ground and the drone must be operated in the pilot's line of sight.

> **"The main advantage we provide in small unmanned assets is safety.**
> Mark Sickling, chief pilot for Cyberhawk

The FAA treats the operation of drones like any other aircraft for safety reasons, and commercial operators face strict rules for getting permission to use them, according to the agency.

Seven U.S. utilities have been granted FAA approval for testing drone technology in 2015.

"The FAA is looking at how to revamp its requirements to make the technology more accessible to more companies," said Andrew Bordine, a Consumers Energy executive. "A goal for me would be to get FAA approval to work with a remote application and an autonomous flight."

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ONLINE

Canucks sharing passwords

Many Canadians with online passwords have shared their codes, even though Canucks are more paranoid than their global peers about cyber crime, according to a study by internet security company Norton.

Fully 86 per cent of Canadian respondents to the Norton Cyber Security Insights Report also said they are worried they'll be the victim of an online crime, compared to an average of 80 per cent among the 17 countries studied.

Cyber breaches are top-of-mind for many Canadians following a series of headline-grabbing hacks, including the Ashley Madison user leak, the theft of tax information from the Canada Revenue Agency and an epic hack of Target's credit-card database.

11%

Percentage of Canadians who said they felt completely in control of their online security
NORTON CYBER SECURITY INSIGHTS REPORT

More than seven million Canadians lost a total $2 billion and nearly half a day's worth of time dealing with the fallout from cyber crime last year, said the report.

Credit-card fraud was the most commonly cited type of online crime, followed by unauthorized access to emails.

Many Canadians are sharing their passwords — even to their bank accounts, the report found. More than half said they have shared their email passwords, and 43 per cent said they have given out access to their social-media accounts. More than 25 per cent admitted to sharing their banking passwords. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FINANCE

Health to top ministers' talk

Even as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with premiers on Monday to discuss climate change and Syrian refugees, provincial finance ministers are already building a federal-provincial agenda of their own.

What's at the top of their list for a meeting with federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau expected next month? In recent interviews, one provincial finance minister after another pointed to the need to figure out how to pay for health care.

"It's probably the biggest issue for all of us," Alberta NDP Finance Minister Joe Ceci said.

The Liberal platform that propelled Trudeau to electoral victory in October has implications for many files in the provinces, and the finance ministers will have more than a few items to discuss.

The ministers say they hope to come away from the meeting with a better understanding of the election pledges. They'll be looking to Morneau to explain the implementation of Liberal promises such as infrastructure spending, taxation changes and public-pension enhancement.

But it's the federal promise of a new health-care accord that unites them, since there's nothing more central to fiscal health than figuring out a different way to control that sector's price tag. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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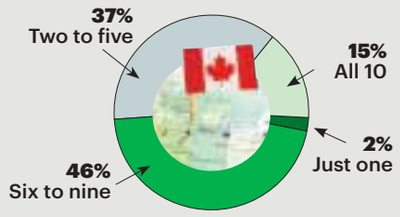
Humble Winnipeg, a multicultural, complex but undeniably chilly urban area of almost 800,000 people, was the only Canadian city chosen by National Geographic this year as one of the best tourist destinations of 2016. We asked our readers what city they would choose if they were giving out the prize and how much of our great country they have explored.

1 Which Canadian city most deserves the honour of "best destination"?

21% Halifax
16% Vancouver
14% Toronto
11% Montreal
8% Quebec City
5% Ottawa
4% Victoria
4% Winnipeg
4% St. John's
3% Calgary
3% Niagara Falls, Ont.
2% Edmonton
1% Charlottetown
4% Other

WE ASKED Metro readers

2 How many Canadian provinces have you been to?



3 What's the best thing Canada has to offer tourists?

54% Natural wonders
15% Arts and culture
9% Events and festivals
8% Exciting cities
4% Skiing and snowboarding
4% Cuisine
2% Fishing and hunting
1% Cruises and tours
3% Other

The hospitality of our people
Our multicultural makeup
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Dreading the winter? Imagine it with no coat

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes

You've seen the advertisements calling for beach- and bikini-ready bodies each spring, well I'm here to talk about something else — the parka-ready body. I'm not kidding.

Each year I have one health and fitness goal: My parka must fit. It's amazingly warm, it's durable — although not particularly attractive — and it has to last me at least 10 years, or better yet, 15.

That's because while Winnipeggers love to talk snow and wind chill, we rarely confront the cost of winter. Staying warm is expensive business, especially for families with kids or who work outdoors.

Winnipeg isn't just one of the coldest cities on Earth — second coldest city with a population over 600,000 to be exact, now that Ulaanbaatar stole our title — it's also one of the least wealthy major cities in Canada when it comes to family income.

According to Canada's last national household survey, roughly 110,000 Winnipeggers were classified as low-income — that's nearly 17 per cent of our city's population.

Winnipeg is also home to two of the country's three poorest postal codes, and it's worth noting that the lower an individual's income, the less likely it is they own a vehicle. That means spending more time walking, cycling and waiting for the bus, any of which can become life threatening at -40 C if you don't have the right clothing.

The irony is that our city has a long tradition of manufacturing winter garments.

Winnipeg is home to Richlu Manufacturing, maker of Tough Duck coats, and Canada Goose, which just opened a second factory. Centuries of furriers and mukluk makers also bear mentioning.

But for those with limited income, that means little. An $800 parka, however spectacular, is going to be out of reach for the single parent trying to raise kids on minimum wage. Even a coat of dubious warmth costing $50-$100 is out of range for many. Not to mention the boots, hats, gloves and scarves that go with it.

Finding a warm used coat is becoming more difficult. Take a quick look at Value Village or even the Salvation Army, and you'll find coats for upwards of $80. Vintage coats and plain black parkas seem to see the highest markups. Some Mennonite Central Committee thrift stores price kitschy coats at $50, but not in core areas of the city where a super-warm — albeit quirky — parka or coat still comes in around $100.

Some struggling second-hand stores are clearly tired of losing out on items with vintage value — items that sometimes end up being bought for resale and markups. But is it really far to further limit the choices of those with a limited ability to stay warm?

Programs like Koats for Kids strive to fill the gaps, as do places like Siloam Mission, the North End Family Centre and many other community organizations. As for me, I'm six years in and I look forward to an updated parka sometime around the year 2020.

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Terrorism doesn't just happen to people in "those places"

Michael Coren
For Metro

As I end my three weeks in Europe, I can't help reflecting on one particular issue: the hierarchy of suffering. Not merely because of its moral implications, but also because of what it says and then dictates about Western foreign policy.

While it is irresponsible and indeed cruel to downplay in any way the horrors that occurred in Paris — and I have a personal connection to the tragedy — we need to remember that massacres are hideously common, sometimes a weekly occurrence, in many parts of the world. Just the day before the French monstrosity, almost 50 people were killed in Beirut and four times as many badly wounded. Last month in Baghdad, 24 people were slaughtered and twice as many wounded. And just a few months ago in a university in Kenya, 147 young people were murdered.

In 2014 I wrote a book about terrorism in the developing world, and the scale and the crippling regularity of it all was often beyond comprehension. While it's facile to attribute our double standard to racism, it does expose a collective numbness that we have developed in the West. If we're honest about it, we simply assume that this is what happens in "those" places but not in Paris, London or, God forbid, Toronto or Montreal.

It's disturbing on many levels, but it's also plain wrong. Cities like Damascus and Beirut used to be safe and secure. I know the region and generally felt safer in Lebanon than much of the United States.

Paris, on the other hand, has witnessed grossly violent revolutions and upheavals for centuries. Religious mass murder in the 16th century, class warfare of incalculable proportions in the 1790s, bloody uprisings in 1830, 1848 and 1870, Nazi occupation in 1940 and colonial wars in the early 1960s.

So when Arabs and Africans offer sympathy for our pain but ask for some reciprocal concern, we should try to appreciate their sensitivities. To put in bluntly, in spite of what we might think, our lives are not more important than theirs.

And this, perhaps, lies at the heart of why we have a problem in the first place. Western foreign policy is of course based on self-interest, and that is entirely understandable, but it leads us to bomb and invade which in turn leads to anarchy and terrorism. I am not trying to justify even a tincture of ISIL's sadism but I do believe that a different approach to "the other" might benefit all of us. To intelligently respond rather than viscerally react is not a sign of weakness, but of strength and wisdom.

A different approach to "the other" might benefit all of us.

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Financial planning for coinciding milestones

It is not uncommon for Canadians to find themselves in a financial trifecta — wedding, new home and starting a family — all within a few years. According to a recent TD survey, only four in 10 (39 per cent) of Canadians say they've properly budgeted or are properly budgeting for having their first child, while about half say they were or are financially prepared for buying a home (56 per cent) and marriage (51 per cent).

While budgeting and paying for these milestones can seem overwhelming, having a financial plan in place can help manage the financial impact of these significant life moments, whenever they occur.

Lee Bennett, senior vice president, TD Wealth Financial Planning, offers a few key tips on how to plan for life's big moments and your future:

- **Understand your goals:** Knowing the key goals you want to achieve in life is an important first step and will help you decide the best course of action. Think about what you want to accomplish over the next few years to help determine those goals.
- **Develop a roadmap:** To help ensure you are on the right track to reaching your goals, meet with a financial planner to create a plan that's unique to your situation. It's important to review it regularly, as your life changes, to help ensure you're factoring in new milestones.
- **Start saving early:** No amount is too small to put away – for example, making regular contributions in a TFSA will allow you to use the savings towards a wedding, new home or costs associated with a new baby.

Being financially prepared can allow you to better enjoy each and every moment of life's milestones — planned or unexpected.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNER

Lee Bennett, senior vice president, TD Wealth Financial Planning, says it's important to ask yourself some key questions before you meet with a financial planner. Some questions to consider include:

1. How do I handle multiple milestones occurring at the same time?
2. Is it smarter to plan a wedding or buy a home first?
3. What costs should I factor in when contemplating buying a home?
4. How much do I need to save to comfortably enjoy a parental leave?

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Are my finances on track?

Whether you're a recent graduate, mid-career, or getting ready for retirement, every life stage requires financial planning. Not sure where to start? **Check out TD's Savvy Saver quiz** to help figure out where you are and where you need to be. Here are a few questions to get you started …

Expenses & finances

What does your emergency fund look like?

a. Emergency what?

b. I'm just getting started but have some money set aside.

c. In decent shape – I've got three months' salary stashed away.

d. I've got more than enough to pay my bills, save for the future and still manage to have some fun.

Leisure

What does your entertainment spending look like?

a. I'm living paycheque-to-paycheque because of my entertainment spending.

b. I sometimes go overboard with my entertainment spending.

c. A portion of my budget is set aside for fun – dinners out, the occasional movie or show.

d. I have enough money to do what I want, when I want and my wallet never loses any sleep over it.

Long-term investments

What types of investments do you currently have?

a. Investments?

b. I recently opened a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)/ an RSP and I'm thinking about getting other investments, too.

c. I make regular contributions to my TFSA and RSP and/or hold shares/other investments.

d. I have a solid, diverse portfolio to which I make healthy contributions every month.

Interested in getting more of a pulse check on your progress? Take the full quiz at **metronews.ca/tdsavvysaver**.

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Get to know this motley crew of Defenders

With the arrival of Marvel's Jessica Jones, the second moody superhero series to premiere on Netflix after Daredevil, Marvel's streaming universe is beginning to take shape. Four standalone superhero series will ultimately converge in The Defenders, a miniseries with Avengers-size ambitions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Daredevil

Last year, if you knew nothing about Daredevil, you knew it was an unfortunate Bennifer-era Ben Affleck movie. But when the series premiered on Netflix in April, the blind lawyer throwing punches in the street delivered all the gravitas and grit that fans of the comic demanded. "When I go to (comic-book) shows and I talk to my nerd friends, they are all loving it," says Kevin Polidano, a.k.a. comic-restorationist. "A lot of them say that Daredevil is the best comic-book adaptation they've seen yet." Season 2, premiering in 2016, will introduce another grizzled hero, The Punisher.

Luke Cage

There's no cutesy will-they-or-won't-they between Jessica and Luke Cage: they will-and-they-do in the first episode of Jones. Cage was the first African-American to get his own Marvel title in 1972, complete with jive-talkin' dialogue, his signature "Sweet Christmas!" as a curse word. "Luke Cage was a pure 100 per cent blaxploitation character," says Doug Simpson, manager of Toronto's Paradise Comics. "Big yellow puffy shirt, chain belt, afro." Romantic tension between Jessica and Luke ultimately lead to a super-wedding in the comics.

Iron Fist

Like Cage, Iron Fist was a product of the '70s. "(Marvel) wanted someone they could make kung-fu books about because kung-fu movies were popular," says Simpson. Hence the Tibetan monastery-trained martial arts expert with a chi-charged punch. Comic fans have questioned how Marvel and Netflix will balance Fist's mysticism with the realism of their other characters, but Polidano feels it would bring something original to the group. "All teams have their stock characters," he says. "You need your strongman, you need your scientist, you need the person who can fly, and you need the person who can tackle those mystical threats."

The Defenders

Don't expect this Defenders to resemble the Marvel team of Hulk, Sub-Mariner and Doctor Strange that launched in 1971. "They had increasingly more C-list heroes that would join up," says Cliff Caporale, program director at Ottawa Pop Expo, which took place over the weekend at Ottawa's EY Centre. "I don't have a story to tell for Valkyrie, let's say. She exists, let's use her in Defenders, and bring in these characters that don't necessarily belong together." Opposed to the government-sanctioned Avengers, Simpson calls the Defenders a "group of mismatched heroes who are dealing with crime at street level."

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MEDICAL ADVANCES

Blood test for the faint-hearted

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

New test eliminates need to withdraw large samples. ISTOCK

The fear and light-headedness associated with blood testing may one day become a thing of the past.

Researchers at the University of Victoria have developed a method that can test for and measure 25 proteins found in the blood that are linked to certain cancers, cardiovascular issues and diabetes.

And all it takes is a pinprick on the finger and a single drop of blood dried on filter paper.

"We can do up to 25 different tests on the same drop of blood," said UVic biochemist Terry Pearson, who developed the technology with UVic adjunct professor and lifelong friend Leigh Anderson. "It's very difficult to do that with current (blood) tests, which are a bit awkward and has that fear factor associated with it."

Pearson and Anderson, who is based in Washington, D.C., have been developing the technology for 13 years and have launched a startup called SISCAPA Assay Technologies Inc. to bring it to life.

The technique is already being used by the Mayo Clinic and ARUP Labs in the U.S. to test for a protein associated with thyroid cancer.

The pair won the Human Proteome Organization's science and technology award and have also used the test to monitor biomarkers in athletes during the 2015 Pan Am Games and will do so again at the Olympics.

Pearson expects Canadian clinics may begin adopting the test for specific uses within the next two years.

Widespread use could follow.

Pearson said the test has many advantages over traditional blood tests that require samples to be drawn from patient's veins.

One of those advantages is more personalized care.

"You can do it at home and just put it in the mail. You can (test) daily, weekly, monthly, so it allows you to collect longitudinal samples over a period of time," he explained. "It establishes your baseline for a single protein, so if there's a change it sends up a flag."

Current blood samples are measured against the average of a patient's age group so results are not as specific.

"Having a personal baseline is much more advantageous," Pearson said.

The technology was developed with support from the Canary Foundation, National Cancer Institute, Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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Are you a financial match with your mate?

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COMPROMISE

Compatibility counts: You must agree on money goals

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Opposites attract. Birds of a feather flock together. Are you and your mate like two peas in a pod or as different as chalk and cheese?

We can love a body without ever understanding what makes that body tick. Even couples that have been together for eons sometimes scratch their heads at some of the things their mates do. That's because we are evolving creatures constantly responding to the stimuli around us, constantly growing, constantly changing.

Since you're getting married — planning to spend a long, Long, LONG time together — it's important that you both understand how you think and feel about money. It's just as important that you figure out if you're a money match or a money mismatch.

Not feeling the same about money doesn't mean an automatic no-go. People who are less compatible do face more challenges. But those who subvert their own money personality to match their mate's are just asking for trouble. It can't last. And when your mate finds out you've been pretending, it's going to be a tough pill to swallow.

Coming up with a plan for how you'll manage your money means negotiating a common ground. Start by being upfront about who you are, how you feel about money, what's important to you and what isn't. Listen and accept the other person's open and frank discussions about what makes him or her tick.

Once you've got it all on the table, focus on working together to come up with a plan that keeps you both happy.

Money means different things to different people. When two people bring emotional baggage to a relationship — particularly the emotional baggage that surrounds money and that they NEVER talk about — the relationship can turn into a power struggle and life can feel more like strife.

One of the easiest ways to start the conversation about money is by talking about what you're most comfortable with and what you feel is most risky. Since many money issues have a comfort/risk component, it's easy to move from a general discussion to a more specific money talk.

- How much money do you have to have in the bank to feel safe?
- Do you each know what your money set-points are?
- What kinds of investments do you feel are safe (for you) or risky?
- How much debt is too much debt?
- What kind of debt are you willing to take on?
- How much insurance is enough?
- If you have children, how will you keep those children safe financially?

As you get to know each other, you should be working to clarify each other's goals. If it's airy-fairy (I'd like to own a house), nail it down (what kind of house, where, when, how much house?).

You also need to talk about your different approaches to planning. For while one of you may be all spontaneity and impulse, the other may be a structure freak. Figure out what's important to you both so you can draw on each other's strengths to create a solid money match.

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Would you pay extra for Prime seats?

TRENDS

Cineplex's seat reservations latest in luxe offerings

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

My favourite seat in a movie theatre is in the very back row, the area the Vaudevillians called the "peanut gallery." I can see the entire screen from up there and also stretch my long legs down the stairs.

I avoid the front row, as do most moviegoers, because I dislike the feeling of being jammed up against the screen, craning my neck and wobbling my head back and forth to see the action. It's my seating of last resort.

If I had my druthers, I'd rip out the first three rows of every theatre, so that you'd never wind up having to sit so close. This would free up space for people to move around, reducing the jams that occur at the end of screenings.

This would evidently not please a small but passionate group of people who prefer the front row, most of them much younger than my 59 years.

"You can tell the age of a theatregoer by where they sit in the auditorium," says Pat Marshall, vice-president of communications for Cineplex Entertainment, Canada's largest movie theatre chain.

"The younger they are, the closer they go to the screen. The older they get, the farther back they go. People truly have a different perspective. Some like centre-centre. Other people like to be on the aisle. Other people like to be up front, and other people way at the back. So it is very subjective."

There are also practical reasons why some moviegoers might prefer the front row. Say you're nearsighted and forgot your glasses at home. Or it's a premiere screening and you're hoping to be close to any talent who might show up.

But some people really do just like the view better from down there. Front-row filmgoers have a champion in David Bordwell, the esteemed film scholar and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He's 68, a notable exception to Marshall's maxim about youthful inhabitants of the row Bordwell calls the "raccoon lodge."

He extolled the front of the house in a 2011 online essay "Down in front! Notes from the Raccoon Lodge" that introduced a term to my movie lexicon: "saccadic sweeps."

That's what your head does as it scans from side to side to take in all the action. The wider the screen, the more Bordwell likes it: "CinemaScope and Cinerama give your eyeballs a real workout."

I'll skip the saccadic sweeps, thanks, and also the eye and neck strain that follows every occasion when I'm forced to sit in the front row, as I did for an IMAX showing of The Dark Knight Rises a few years back.

But I have to admit, from my lofty perch in the peanut gallery, that lately I have been casting covetous glances at the middle of the theatre. A new and more plush seat is being tested at theatres across Canada. They're in the two middle rows in select auditoriums where patrons can reserve online to guarantee a seat, for a $2-per-ticket surcharge. It's similar to paying for extra legroom on an aircraft.

It's called Cineplex Prime, the new name for an arrangement that used to be called Cineplex Select, when the seating experiment began last year. The name was recently changed because "we discovered it was confusing to people to read 'select your Select seat' on our website," Marshall says.

I expect it would also be confusing, not to mention frustrating, to encounter reserved seats in the middle of a movie theatre, a place thought of as an egalitarian preserve.

Marshall reminds me that Cineplex has long offered reserved or assigned seating in its VIP, IMAX and UltraAVX theatres. It also has four primary seat styles: traditional, VIP, UltraAVX and Prime, offering variations on space, comfort and swiveling, plus premium D-Box seats that move in time to the action.

The Prime seating concept, which is still considered very much an experiment, "is a result of the tremendously positive feedback we received from other concepts where we offer reserved seating," she says.

But people are still getting used to Prime seats, which tend to blend in with the non-reserved ones. People without Prime tickets sometimes have to be asked to move, Marshall says, but in our very Canadian way, there have been no reports of any serious confrontations. She adds that those who have tried Prime seem pleased with the comfort and also the convenience of a guaranteed centre seat for popular films like Spectre and The Martian.

If the experiment works, it may expand to more theatres amongst Cineplex's 162 locations across Canada. The per-theatre Prime allotment will remain a fraction of the available seats, however, so moviegoers with general admission tickets will still have lots of spots to choose from. "We have different seats because we're trying different things," Marshall says.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The evil of banality is addictive TV

VANDERPUMP RULES, SEASON 2, EPISODE 5 (SLICE)

In this reality show about glossy people who work at the L.A. restaurant Sur, waitresses Stassi and Kristen are choosing an outfit for Kristen's passport photo. Kristen's grooming is — well, picture makeup that would look overdone at the Oscars, and then double it.

"I'm 30 years old and I've never had a passport," Kristen uptalks. "It's crucial that this is the best photo ever taken."

Stassi's phone rings. It's Jax, their bartender colleague.

He's in the hospital; he found a lump in his immaculately muscled chest.

"You're there alone? That is so sad," Stassi says.

She hangs up. She and Kristen stare at one another. Then they return to choosing clothes.

This series is nothing but such moments, a shiny showcase for the evil of banality.

Sur isn't merely a restaurant owned by the frozen-faced Lisa Vanderpump, a Real Housewife of Los Angeles.

It's the portal to Hell, and its employees have crawled up to embody the deadly sins Vanity and Stupidity.

The women of Vanderpump Rules are all slight variations on Bad Barbie. HANDOUT

Their commitment to hideous behavior is addictively fascinating.

The men are forever stripping off their shirts for the handlebar cams mounted on their bicycles; when they're not shit-disturbing, they're inventing shit to disturb.

The women — all (slight) variations on Bad Barbie — are worse; in episode 209, two of them bray, "No, you shut the f— up" at one another for several minutes.

This is what it looks like when everyone gets to be famous for 15 minutes, and it isn't pretty.

Even with all that grooming.

OLD FLAMES

Bieber serenades Gomez with My Girl

Just when she thought she was out, he pulls her back in. Justin Bieber was spotted out at the bar at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills this weekend with none other than ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez — who just wrapped up an extended press tour filled with interviews about how she's finally moving on from their tumultuous relationship.

But perhaps talking about it so much got her back into the idea.

Or maybe it's Bieber's seduction techniques: An eyewitness spotted Bieber serenading Gomez with My Girl at their table — and shared video on Instagram.

Ew, gross.

Also, why was there a piano player and a mic at the ready for his impromptu performance?

And another also: Great. Now Bieber has ruined My Girl for me — both the song and the Anna Chlumsky movie. Sheesh.

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GOSSIP DYNAMIC DUOS

JLaw and Adele hanging out again

Everyone's freaking out — with good reason — about the fact that Adele was spotted getting some quality hang-out time in with Jennifer Lawrence and her Hunger Games guys Liam Hemsworth and Josh Hutcherson this weekend at New York's Waverly Inn — which is still, apparently, a thing.

But while this team-up is indeed awesome —and should be encouraged — it is not at all surprising or unprecedented.

Perhaps you don't remember back in January when the two ladies, along with Harry Styles, made a drunken scene throwing olives at people at a restaurant in L.A. and were utterly adorable?

No word on what kind of mischief they got up to at the Waverly, but as far as these two being pals, I'm all for it.

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Kylie Jenner maybe dumped Tyga

The big talk around the Kardashian junior varsity locker-room this weekend was that Kylie Jenner had abruptly dumped Tyga — and on his 26th birthday, no less. It all apparently went down after "something Tyga did" caused Jenner to ditch him upon her return from Australia last week. "They are on a break," a source tells E! News. "They were just a week or so ago talking about 'ever after' and things got messy this past week. Kylie wants time to just be herself and do her." But! Maybe not so fast, as later Jenner posted a Snapchat of the two lying together — or their legs, at least — with the caption, "Everyone needs to chill."

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According to reports, Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas will miss six weeks after fracturing his left hand on Friday night

Eskimos looking like champs

CFL PLAYOFFS

Edmonton's QB lays a Reilly good licking on Stamps

Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Mike Reilly shredded the Calgary Stampeders in the CFL West Final Sunday, punching his team's ticket to the Grey Cup for the first time in a decade.

Reilly threw for three touchdowns and ran in two more as the Eskimos defeated their southern Alberta rivals 45-31 in front of 34,414 fans at Commonwealth Stadium.

WEST DIVISION FINAL

45	31

The Eskimos will play the Ottawa Redblacks next Sunday at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg in the 103rd Grey Cup.

"We got one more to go and that's the ultimate goal," said Reilly.

The Redblacks defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 35-28 in the East Division Final earlier Sunday.

The last time an Ottawa team was in the Grey Cup was 1981, when the Rough Riders lost to the Eskimos 26-23.

"It was execution," said Reilly, talking on the field after the game as fans chanted his name.

"We weren't giving up the big play defensively, and we were marching down the field and not taking penalties and not turning over the ball offensively.

"We slowed down a bit in the fourth quarter ... but we played enough for three that it didn't matter."

It's a bit of revenge for the Eskimos, and Reilly, the 30-year-old from Kennewick, Wash., now in his third season as Edmonton's starting QB.

Due to a broken foot and other injuries, Reilly saw limited action in last year's West Final, which saw the Stampeders rout the Eskimos 43-18 at McMahon Stadium en route to a Grey Cup championship.

Reilly missed almost half the regular season due to torn knee ligaments, but came back to lead the Eskimos to nine consecutive wins, including Sunday's victory.

The first half saw the Eskimos defence bend but not break as the Stampeders used tailback Jerome Messam either running the ball or on play action to move the ball on Edmonton's notoriously stingy defence.

Four times Calgary quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell drove the offence down the field only to have the drives stall. Rene Paredes kicked four field goals of 44, 16, 48 and 10 yards.

He added a 49-yard field goal in the third quarter in a lost cause for Calgary.

The Eskimos opened the scoring after Mathieu Boulay forced Stampeders kick returner Skye Dawson to fumble a Grant Shaw punt five minutes into the game.

Four plays later Reilly ran up the middle from the one yard line. A two-point convert made it 8-0.

The Eskimos added their second major late in the second quarter on a 15-yard pass from Reilly to Bowman as the Stampeders defence seemed to tire.

Reilly hit Bowman on a crossing pattern just inside the five. Bowman outraced the defender to the pylon for the score.

Sean Whyte added field goals of 32 yards and 17 yards to round out the Eskimos' first-half scoring.

In the second half, Edmonton took control of the game for good.

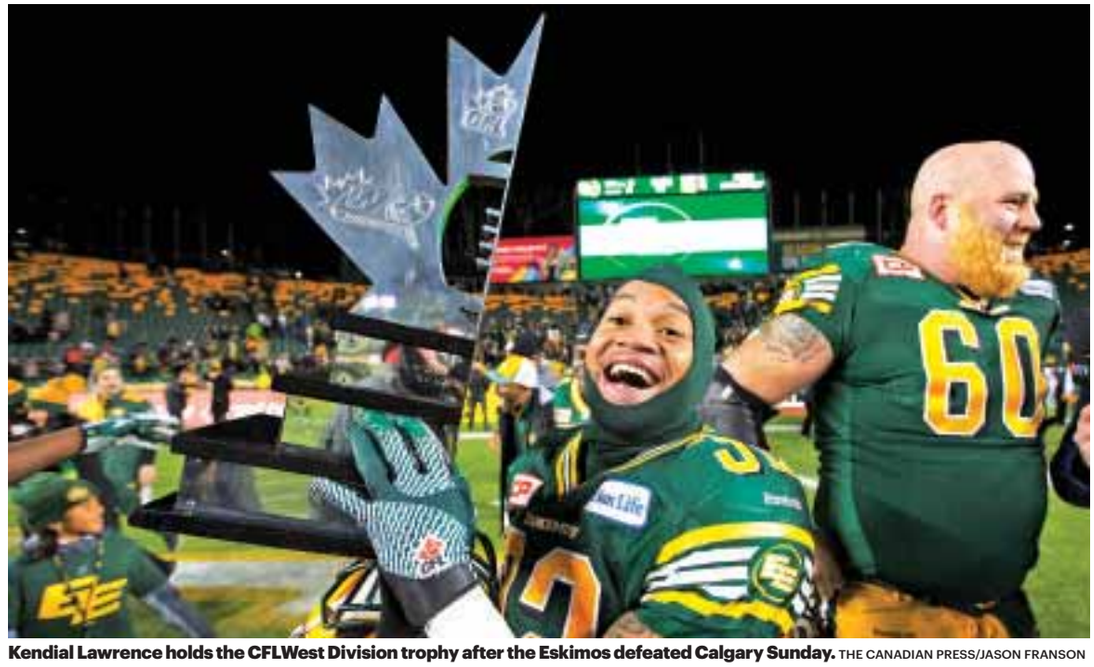
Reilly hooked up with slotback Kenny Stafford on a 33-yard pass-and-run play barely three minutes into the third quarter to make the score 28-12.

Whyte added a 31-yard field goal to up the lead to 31-12.

Reilly then put the final nail in the Stamps' coffin on the first play of the fourth quarter, hitting wide receiver Derel Walker in stride over the top for a 57-yard touchdown to make the score 38-15.

The Eskimos got the ball right back on an interception by linebacker Dexter McCoil. Four plays later, with more than 11 minutes left in the game, Reilly faked a pass and scrambled eight yards up the middle to make it 45-15.

Calgary fought back with two late touchdown passes from Mitchell to Eric Rogers and Joe West. Both were followed by successful two-point conversions. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Kendial Lawrence holds the CFLWest Division trophy after the Eskimos defeated Calgary Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JASON FRANSON

Henry Burris celebrates the Redblacks' victory over Hamilton in the eastern final Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

34-year drought is over: Ottawa in Cup

A lot of things have happened since the last time a team from Ottawa made an appearance in the Grey Cup including the birth of every player on the Redblacks, save one.

"I bet I know who that is," said Redblacks receiver Brad Sinopoli, who played quarterback for the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees, playing on the same field the Redblacks beat the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 35-28 Sunday to earn a trip to Winnipeg and the 103rd Grey Cup.

Henry Burris, who was six when the Ottawa Rough Riders fell 26-23 to the Edmonton Eskimos in the 1981 Grey Cup, had a career year for the Redblacks setting multiple personal and league records at age 40.

EAST DIVISION FINAL

35	28

"It's an honour for us to be able to deliver this and to see the excitement from the fans," said Burris. "To see the support we've been getting all year long, we have the best fan support in the league. Even last year when we had our struggles the stands were always sold out. Today was extra special."

Burris connected with Greg Ellingson for a 93-yard catch and run touchdown to give the Redblacks a 35-28 lead with under two minutes to go.

Ellingson was born seven years after the Ottawa Rough Riders' last Grey Cup appearance. On Sunday he had five catches for 187 yards and the biggest touchdown of his career.

"It's been a career year for him. He's 40 years old and it's one of the best seasons he's ever had," said Ellingson of Burris.

It's been 34 years since that Grey Cup appearance. Redblacks coach Rick Campbell watched that game on television from his home in Edmonton as his father, Hugh Campbell, coached the Eskimos to the win despite trailing 20-1 at the half.

"I was only 10 and I'll be rooting for the Ottawa team this time. I wasn't last time but I will be this time," Campbell said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newton catches fire with 5 touchdowns

NFL

Panthers put claws to 'Skins, push perfect record to 10-0

Cam Newton has never liked being referred to as a running quarterback.

"I have labelled myself as a pocket passer with the ability to run," Newton said.

Newton proved again he can beat teams with his arm, throwing a career-high five touchdown passes on Sunday and the Carolina Panthers improved to 10-0 with a dominating 44-16 win over the Washington Redskins.

SUNDAY In Charlotte

44	16
PANTHERS	REDSKINS

Newton completed 21 of 34 passes for 246 yards and threw TD passes to five different receivers as Carolina stretched its regular-season win streak to 14 games, including eight straight at home.

The Panthers opened a four-game lead in the NFC South over Atlanta and became the 16th team in the Super Bowl era to start 10-0.

Of the previous 15, all made the playoffs and nine have advanced to the Super Bowl, with six winning it all.

All of that matters little to tight end Greg Olsen.

"They don't give out trophies for the regular season," Olsen said.

Carolina's defence was dominant.

They forced five turnovers leading to 27 points, had five sacks of Kirk Cousins and established a franchise record by holding the Redskins to 14 yards rushing on 12 carries.

Andre Roberts had a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown for the Redskins (4-6), who've lost nine straight on the road.

Cousins finished 22 of 30 for 207 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He also fumbled twice on sacks. Running back Alfred Morris left the game early in the first quarter with a rib injury and did not return.

With a game on Thursday at Dallas, Rivera removed most of his starters early in the fourth quarter with his team up 44-14.

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Each of Cam Newton's touchdown passes on Sunday were thrown to different receivers.
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AROUND THE LEAGUE

Romo's return spurs Cowboys comeback win

Tony Romo pulled off his latest comeback victory, returning from a collarbone injury Sunday to throw for two scores, and the Dallas Cowboys won for the first time since he was hurt in Week 2, beating the Miami Dolphins 24-14.

Broncos' Osweiler doesn't disappoint in his first start

Filling in for the injured Peyton Manning, Brock Osweiler made his first career start a triumphant one.

Osweiler threw for two touchdowns, and the Denver Broncos held on to beat the Chicago Bears 17-15.

AHL

Kosmachuk leads Moose to victory

Scott Kosmachuk netted a goal and an assist as the Manitoba Moose came away with a 3-1 win over the Bakersfield Condors in a Sunday matinée at MTS Centre.

The Moose (4-9-1-1) are heating up a bit after a chilly start to the season. Sunday's victory is their second over their last three games as they remain in seventh place in the American Hockey League's Central Division with 10 points.

Netminder Eric Comrie stopped 32 shots to record his second win in his fifth start of the season. Manitoba's regular No. 1 goaltender Connor Hellebuyck was called up by the Winnipeg Jets earlier in the day following an injury to Ondrej Pavelec on Saturday night.

J.C Lipon opened the scoring midway through the first, easily burying a cross-slot feed from Joel Armia on the rush for Lipon's team-leading fifth goal of the season.

Anton Slepyshev converted on the power play with 11 seconds left in the second period for Bakersfield's lone marker.

Austen Brassard notched the eventual game-winner with 1:02 remanning in the second, tapping in a nifty Kosmachuk saucer pass.

A six-game road trip lies ahead for the Moose, as the club travels through Lake Erie, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Toronto before returning home for four games beginning on Dec. 12. DARRIN BAUMING/FOR METRO

SUNDAY At MTS Centre

3	1
MOOSE	CONDORS

TENNIS

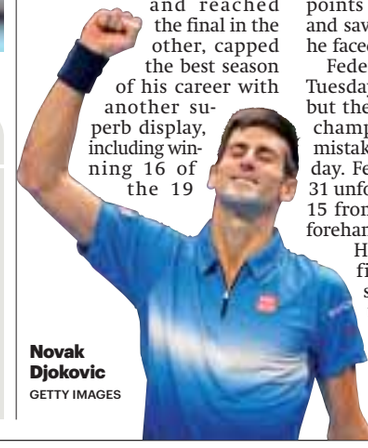
Djokovic finishes season in style

As usual this season, Novak Djokovic was the best player on the court.

The top-ranked Serb won his fourth straight title at the season-ending ATP finals on Sunday by beating six-time champion Roger Federer 6-3, 6-4.

Djokovic, who won three Grand Slam titles this year and reached the final in the other, capped the best season of his career with another superb display, including winning 16 of the 19 points on his second serve and saving both break points he faced.

> **Obviously it's been a very long season, but the best of my life.**
> Novak Djokovic



Novak Djokovic
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Federer beat Djokovic on Tuesday in the group stage, but the 17-time Grand Slam champion made too many mistakes in the final on Sunday. Federer ended up with 31 unforced errors, including 15 from his usually reliable forehand.

He even gave away the final point with his second double-fault of the match.

Federer finishes his season with a 6-5 record in finals, with all five losses to Djokovic.

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Year-end event crowns three champs

Cristie Kerr was the player of the week. Lydia Ko was the player of the year and pocketed another $1-million bonus. Inbee Park will be among the top players of all-time.

One tournament, three women celebrating.

And just as the LPGA Tour intended, the season finale was dramatic until the end.

Kerr won the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship on Sunday, taking the lead for good with a 12-foot eagle putt on the par-5 17th and soon wrapping up her 18th career victory. Her $500,000 first prize, which pushed her career earnings past $17 million.

Ko won the bonus for winning the Race to the CME Globe, just as she did last year. And Park wrapped up a trip to the LPGA Hall of Fame by winning the scoring title, meaning the only step that now remains between her and induction is completing her 10th season on tour next year, a prerequisite for eligibility.

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RECIPE Sweet Potato and Kale Hash with Fried Eggs

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Why not eat a fried egg for dinner? Especially when it's sitting pretty on top of this super food hash. Because, you know, #PutAnEggOnIt

Ready in
Prep time: 40 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 cups sweet potato dice
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp minced fresh rosemary
- Salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsps butter, plus extra for eggs
- 1 shallot, diced
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 1 cup frozen chopped kale
- 4 eggs

Directions
1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Blanche sweet potato cubes for 2 minutes. Then drain and rinse under cold water. Drain well. Place the potatoes in a medium bowl and add maple syrup, rosemary and salt and pepper. Toss. Refrigerate for about 15 minutes.
2. Heat a large frying pan over medium heat and add butter and shallots. Just as the shallots soften, add sweet potato and any liquid that's collected at the bottom of the bowl as well as the sprigs of thyme. Sauté over medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sweet potatoes should be a crisp, toasty brown. Add kale to the pan and gently mix it into the potatoes. Cook for about 3 to 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, heat another large frying pan over medium heat. Melt a pat of butter and then slowly crack all four eggs into it. Just let the eggs sit. Allow the eggs to cook until the whites are set and the edges start to curl up. If the whites in the middle of the eggs are not set, cover the pan for 2 minutes. Serve a hearty scoop of hash with a fried egg on top.

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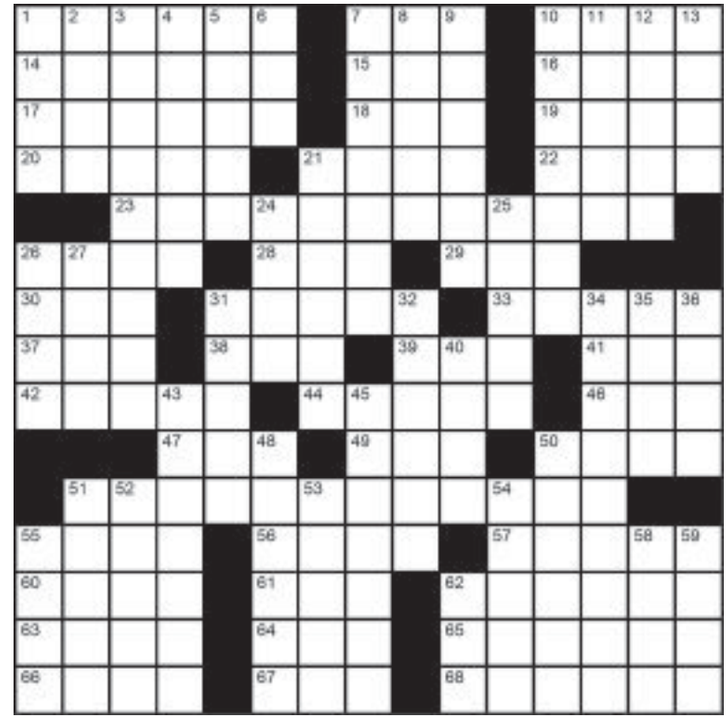
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. "Convoy": 1976 hit for C.W. _
7. Looked-at comp. part
10. Illegally aid
14. "Lawrence of _" (1962)
15. Prospector's find
16. Fun set
17. Tears For Fears singer Mr. Orzabal
18. Point
19. Bouncy-less
20. Astronomer's realm
21. _ butter (Beauty cream stuff)
22. Cycled
23. Canadian channel BNN = _ _ Network
26. Amateurs one day
28. _ es Salaam, Tanzania
29. Little bit
30. Traveller's time delay
31. Buenos _ (Capital of Argentina)
33. Madonna hit
37. Prefix meaning 'Egg'
38. Internet chuckle
39. Hot drink in a Montreal restaurant
41. Bitty badges
42. _ of cake (Easy)
44. _-paced (Slow)
46. Half of Dave Grohl's band
47. 'Outer'-meaning prefix
49. _ painting
50. RR depots
51. Highly decorated Canadian fighter pilot of Word War II who died mysteriously in a plane crash at age 26 in 1948: 2 wds.
55. Collector's suffix
56. Labels
57. Jack _, Kiefer Sutherland's "24" role
60. _ Flon, Manitoba
61. Lettered sun ray
62. Have ambitions
63. Bruce Springsteen's "_ _ Fire"
64. Arrange
65. Show the client the way to the conference room: 2 wds.
66. Ms. Daly
67. Mr. Asner's
68. Aim

DOWN
1. Red Planet
2. Farm yield
3. _ Peaks Resort (Skiing destination about an hour from Ottawa)
4. Calculating machine
5. What an actor memorizes
6. Chap
7. "How do ya like that?": 2 wds.
8. Boo-hoo-hoos
9. Meal
10. Fettuccine _ (Rich pasta dish)
11. Under
12. "Blimey!"
13. Books bag
21. Fido's fearsome frowns
24. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)
25. Variety of orange
26. Sound in the Alka-Seltzer song
27. Sitarist Mr. Shankar
31. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Johnson
32. House level separators
34. It gives suggestions for Christmas shopping: 2 wds.
35. Japanese cuisine noodle
36. Those, in Spanish
40. Parliament _
43. French painter of The Card Players, Paul _ (b.1839 - d.1906)
45. Fillings in Snickers chocolate bars
48. Between 90 and 180 degrees, as per angles
50. Get short with: 2 wds.
51. Mild, as weather
52. Actress, Gabrielle _
53. Having a roof overhang
54. Henrik _ (A Doll's House playwright)
55. "_ _ ain't broke..."
58. Dublin's poetic land
59. Broadway musical
62. Ms. Landry

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Keep your opinions to yourself over the next few days. If you say the wrong thing you could make an enemy. Don't make things unnecessarily difficult for yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be careful who you rely on because there is a lot at stake. If a partner or co-worker makes a mistake don't let employers or other important people put the blame on you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is generally a positive time for you but you still need to be cautious. Be especially wary of people who flatter because they are obviously looking to help themselves in some way — at your expense, of course.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try to be more serious about what you own and what you earn, but not so serious that you forget about everything else. Dollars and cents are important, but only as a means to an end, not as an end in itself.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Why are people so demanding? Why do they expect so much? Maybe because of your high standards they think you can do anything. Or maybe they can get away with making outrageous demands. Don't let them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you start something new today it is unlikely to work out well, so put it off and focus on making the best of what you are already working on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If the atmosphere in a relationship has been heavy you have the chance to improve things today. No matter what they have said or done put that behind you and focus on the simple things that make your bond work.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Speak up now or forever hold your peace. If you have something to say — or complain about — you must get it off of your chest immediately. Later in the week no one will listen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You won't make an anxiety-ridden situation better by worrying. Identify exactly what the problem is, then come up with a plan to take care of it. It's not as bad as you fear.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Put memories and regrets behind you and make the best of what you have got. You're a Capricorn, you're supposed to be courageous and confident.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What happens today will remind you that material matters are of secondary importance. What gives life its value is how you relate to other people. Try to see the best in everyone.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't take on any new commitments today. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart means you won't lack for opportunities but you need to be patient.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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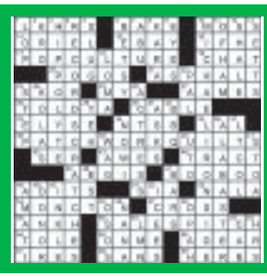

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